

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

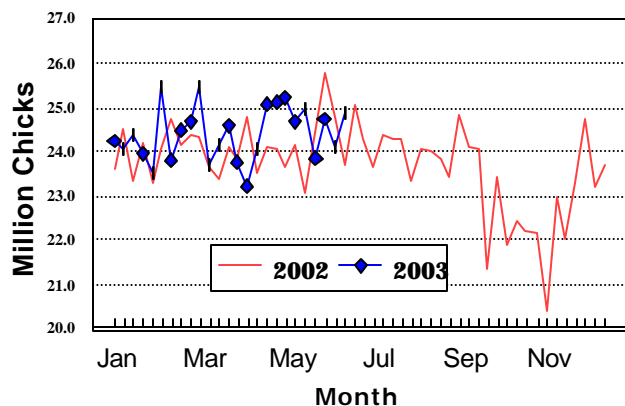
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending June 21, 2003. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 3 percent from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 21, 2003 were 610.4 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.3 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.2 percent.

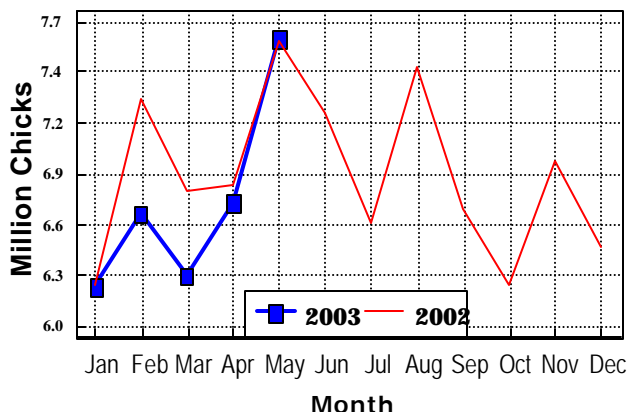
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 21, 2003, up 1 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.6 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2003, up slightly from May 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



**NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS**

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
May	24,175	24,690	102
May	23,111	24,987	108
May	24,442	23,863	98
Jun.	25,785	24,744	96
Jun.	24,765	24,094	97
Jun.	23,720	24,892	105

**U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED**

Month	Year		% Change
	2001-2002	2002-2003	
	1,000		
Dec.	6,577	6,475	98
Jan.	6,264	6,269	100
Feb.	7,275	6,659	92
Mar.	6,775	6,329	93
Apr.	6,814	6,720	99
May	7,597	7,612	100

# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	31-May	07-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	%	17-May	24-May	31-May	07-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	%
Alabama	29,026 *	29,247	28,589	28,236	100	21,681	21,899	21,477	21,747	22,363	22,257	105
ARKANSAS	30,369 *	30,797	31,052	30,754	101	24,690	24,987	23,863	24,744	24,094	24,892	105
Delaware	3,752	3,761	3,640	3,703	108	5,085	4,848	4,316	4,839	4,722 *	5,579	106
Florida	1,350 *	1,329	1,329	1,290	54	1,953	1,876	1,836	1,450	1,535	1,704	68
Georgia	32,622 *	32,625	32,759 *	32,188	100	24,641	25,248	25,325	26,189 *	26,619 *	26,389	101
Kentucky	6,644 *	6,623	6,579	6,506	103	5,341	5,638	5,049	5,973	5,744 *	5,640	90
Maryland	9,571	9,572	9,611 *	9,585	95	6,158	6,380	7,114	6,686	6,908 *	5,566	83
Mississippi	19,624	19,637	19,470	18,952	101	16,014	16,506	16,036	16,655	16,786	16,759	104
N. Carolina	18,737 *	19,272	18,615	18,911	102	15,019	15,110	15,140	14,834	15,174	14,877	96
Oklahoma	6,452	6,633	6,732	6,696	97	5,276	4,818	4,471	5,461	5,651	4,119	90
Pennsylvania	3,997	3,761 *	3,942	3,845	99	2,639	2,676	2,729	2,735 *	2,750 *	2,644	97
S. Carolina	4,845	4,864	4,535	4,576	96	4,245	3,852	4,388	4,668	3,713	4,144	111
Texas	15,068	14,920	14,807 *	14,827	101	12,570	12,560	12,552	12,503	12,563	12,638	103
Virginia	6,617	6,617	6,617	6,609	104	5,693	5,309	5,165	5,055	5,324 *	5,763	113
CALAMO,TN,WV	21,203	21,356	21,230	20,208	99	20,041	19,747	20,066	18,400	19,392	19,453	92
Total 2003	209,877 *	211,014 *	209,507 *	206,886		171,046	171,454	169,527	171,939 *	173,338 *	172,424	
Total 2002	212,345	212,336	210,870	207,561		171,004	171,336	172,385	174,118	173,320	172,818	
% Prev. Year	99	99	99	100		100	100	98	99	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 207 million eggs during the week ending June 21, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 21, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 21, 2003 were 4.20 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.